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Lower Bush Creek
CBM Pilot Exploratory Project

August 22, 2003

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released the Decision Record, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Environmental Assessment for the Lower Bush Creek Coal Bed Methane Pilot Exploratory Project June 24, 2003. A State Director Review request was filed and the original decision was vacated and remanded to the Rock Springs Field Office on August 23, 2003 to perform and document a reasoned cumulative impact analysis and describe why the proposed action was mitigated and document the effects of mitigation on the environment.

The attached Decision Record, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Environmental Assessment for the Lower Bush Creek Coal Bed Methane Pilot Exploratory Project supercedes the earlier document and is provided for your information and use. This Decision Record identifies BLM's decision, explains the rationale for reaching the decision, and includes the proponent's (Kennedy Oil) committed measures and additional mitigation (known as conditions of approval) for the action. The Environmental Assessment was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, other regulations and statutes to fully disclose potential impacts of the proposal and the alternative of no action.

The BLM released a scoping notice to the public on February 28, 2002. All comments received during scoping have been considered and documented in the analysis and/or the decision. BLM has provided responses to the comment letters received during public scoping (refer to Appendix A of the attached decision). No unresolved issues remain.

The BLM wishes to thank those who provided input during the analysis process. Your input is essential in assuring all issues important to you were fully considered. Should you have questions regarding this decision, please contact either George Schoenfeld at 307-352-0271 or Teri Deakins at 307-352-0211.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ted A. Murphy

Acting Field Manager

Attachment